

to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 534, to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration. **Page S1152**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2015. **Page S1184**

Immigration Rule of Law Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 534, to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration. **Page S1152**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 26, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. **Page S1152**

Appointments:

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and further amended by Public Law 100-365, appointed the following Senator to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Senator Sullivan. **Page S1184**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Andrew LaMont Eanes, of Kansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Mary Barzee Flores, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Julien Xavier Neals, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1184.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 142, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 143, to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

S. 253, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 304, to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 373, to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman, both of the National Transportation Safety Board, Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and nomination for promotions in the United States Coast Guard.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Tony Dixon, Director, Business Operations, Strategic Planning, Budget and Accountability, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "End Modern Slavery and Trafficking Initiative Act of 2015".

MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine medical and public health preparedness and response, focusing on future threats, after receiving testimony from Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness

and Response, Robin A. Robinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary and BARDA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Stephen C. Redd, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Luciana Borio, Assistant Commissioner for Counterterrorism Policy, Director, Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Deputy Chief Scientist (Acting), Food and Drug Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, and Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Veterans' programs and fiscal year 2017 advance appropriations request, after receiving testimony from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Joy Ilem, DAV, Raymond C. Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ian de Planque, The American Legion, and Richard Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.